

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cradle for a digital camera provided with connecting terminals of a first plurality of kinds, the cradle comprising:
 - a retainer for retaining therein a digital camera;
 - a shield formed at the retainer; and
 - a composite terminal including integratedly formed connecting terminals of a second plurality of kinds,

wherein, when the digital camera is set in the cradle, the shield shields, of the connecting terminals of the first plurality of kinds, connecting terminals that are of the same kinds as the connecting terminals of the second plurality of kinds.
2. A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield include a charging terminal and an external device connecting terminal.
3. A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 2, wherein the external device connecting terminal comprises a personal computer connecting terminal.
4. A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the shield comprises an upper end portion and, when the digital camera is completely set in the retainer, the upper end portion of the shield substantially aligns with an upper end portion of the uppermost-positioned connecting terminal of the connecting terminals that are

shielded by the shield.

5. A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 2, wherein the shield comprises an upper end portion and, when the digital camera is completely set in the retainer, the upper end portion of the shield substantially aligns with an upper end portion of the uppermost-positioned one of the charging terminal and the external device connecting terminal.

6. A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 3, wherein the shield comprises an upper end portion and, when the digital camera is completely set in the retainer, the upper end portion of the shield substantially aligns with an upper end portion of the uppermost-positioned one of the charging terminal and the personal computer connecting terminal.

7. A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 3, wherein the digital camera further includes an AV terminal, and the shield does not shield the AV terminal when the digital camera is set in the retainer.

8. A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the digital camera includes a digital camera side composite terminal having integrally formed therein connecting terminals of kinds corresponding to kinds of the connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield, and the digital camera side composite terminal electrically

connects to the composite terminal formed at the cradle when the digital camera is set in the retainer.

9. A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 2, wherein the digital camera includes a digital camera side composite terminal having integrally formed therein connecting terminals of kinds corresponding to kinds of the connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield, and the digital camera side composite terminal electrically connects to the composite terminal formed at the cradle when the digital camera is set in the retainer.

10. A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 3, wherein the digital camera includes a digital camera side composite terminal having integrally formed therein connecting terminals of kinds corresponding to kinds of the connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield, and the digital camera side composite terminal electrically connects to the composite terminal formed at the cradle when the digital camera is set in the retainer.